



City of Pacific Grove  
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee  
**Minutes of Meeting – December 11, 2007**

Present: Committee members: Jean Anton; Thom Akeman; Bill Kampe; Mark Travaille, Roger Phillips, Dave Meyers; Miles Stearman

Staff: Celia Perez Martinez; Paul Finnegan

Absent:

Guests:

The meeting was called to order by Jean Anton at 4:00 pm.

1. Approval of the Minutes of meeting held October 24, 2007.  
Motion by Mr. Akeman to approve the minutes: seconded by Mr. Kampe:  
One corrections:
  1. Top of page 2: Staff "reported"
3. Old Business:
  - A. Newsracks Update: Mrs. Martinez reported that she had again offered to Mr. Kavooosi of the Monterey Herald that the city would pay for the racks in order to speed up the process and they could collect from the publications after the fact. Ms. Anton related that she had also spoken with Mr. Kavooosi re: the status of the racks and that the Mayor had been in touch with her regarding the racks. He was waiting for the SF Chronicle, USA Today, and two free publications. The city has been waiting for the rack replacements since July of 2007.
  - B. Seal Harbor Policy: Mrs. Martinez reported that the Seal Harbor policy had been approved by the City Council. Staff has been given the basics of what to do in the event of a Lovers Point haul off per NOAA guidelines. Mr.

Akeman mentioned that there was a sighting of seal elephants. They were young males who rested for the evening and then left.

- C: Rip Van Winkle Open Space: After discussion regarding the site findings and noting that each week the public seems to park further into the park the committee agreed with Mr. Travaille that the next step was to have a discussion with the Police Chief. Mrs. Martinez noted that while there has not been any enforcement in recent years the Police Department will enforce the parking directions once they are set up. The committee also agreed to place their plan before the Traffic Commission once they have developed a new plan.
- D: 17 Mile Drive Directional Signs: Mrs. Martinez reported to the committee that the signs indicating an alternative direction for 17 Mile Dr. were placed and that traffic counts would be taken at the end of May 2008 to see if they have made a difference. The committee, again, expressed their objection to the idea and asked to be refreshed as to how the signs had gone up given that neither they nor the Traffic Commission supported the idea. Mrs. Martinez reported that he item had been brought up before City Council and they had approved it at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- E: City Tree List: Mrs. Martinez reported that the City tree list update was still a work in progress and that the new city arborist would review the list when it was completed and then present it to the committee.

4 New Business:

- A. Tree permit summary for Oct and Nov. 2007: It was reviewed and accepted with a motion by Mr. Travaille and a second by Mr. Myers.

5. Sub Committee reports:

- A. Recycling: No report was made
- B. Tidepool: No report was made.

6. Correspondence: None

7. Agenda items for next meeting:

- Goals
- Recreation Trail
- Awareness Article Re: Recycling

8. Adjournment:: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Travaille and seconded by Mr. Stearman.

Next meeting will be on January 29, 2008, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.